

ARBITRATION: NORTH ATLANTIC COAST FISHERIES

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held at Washington the 13th and 14th of January, 1911, as to the objections of the United States to existing laws and fishery regulations of Canada as recorded in Protocol XXX of the proceedings upon the North Atlantic Coast Fisheries Arbitration.

The Undersigned, having considered the best means of dealing with the objections above referred to, subject to the minute of previous conferences signed January twelfth,¹ have arrived at the following conclusion:

Having regard to the present method of administering the Canadian laws and fishery regulations and to certain amendments which Canada is willing to make therein and to the present state of the fisheries and conditions under which they are carried on and places of fishing, the United States does not press at present any of the objections referred to in Protocol XXX which relate to Canadian laws and fishery regulations, it being understood that the right of the United States to renew such objections is not thereby in any way prejudiced should conditions change.

The amendments in regulations above referred to are:

Sub-section one of Section five of the Special Fishery Regulations, Province of Quebec, approved on the twelfth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and seven, is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

1. Fishing by means of cod trap-nets without a license from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries is prohibited in the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, except at the distance of one thousand yards from shore or one thousand yards from any similar net set from the shore.

Sub-section four of Section five is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

4. If the leader of a cod trap-net extends from the shore, any Fishery Officer may determine in writing or orally the length of the leader that shall be used.

¹ TS 553, *ante*, p. 350.

Sub-section (a) of Section eight of the said Special Fishery Regulations is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

1. (a) Fishing by means of herring trap-nets without a license from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries is prohibited in the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, except at the distance of one thousand yards from shore or one thousand yards from any similar net set from the shore.

Sub-section (d) of Section eight is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

(d) If the leader of a herring trap-net extends from the shore, any Fishery Officer may determine in writing or orally the length of the leader that shall be used.

Sub-section nine of Section five (added):

Upon any inhabitant of the United States fishing with trap-nets in Canadian waters in the exercise of his liberties under the Treaty of 1818² applying for a berth site under the licensing provisions, such a license shall be issued in the usual course for any unoccupied berth site selected by the applicant upon payment of the regular fee in consideration of the exclusive use of such site, subject to the usual rules and regulations.

Clause (f) of sub-section one of Section eight (added):

Upon any inhabitant of the United States fishing with trap-nets in Canadian waters in the exercise of his liberties under the Treaty of 1818 applying for a berth site under the licensing provisions, such a license shall be issued in the usual course for any unoccupied berth site selected by the applicant upon payment of the regular fee in consideration of the exclusive use of such site, subject to the usual rules and regulations.

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² Convention signed at London Oct. 20, 1818 (TS 112, *ante*, p. 57).